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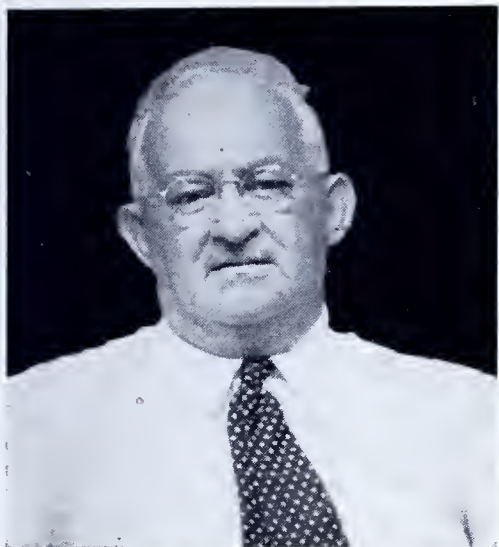
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Fire Warden Charles E. Clark, of Wayne, secretary of the Firemen's Association, State of Pennsylvania, for the past 26 years, has been appointed Chief Fire Warden of the State Council of Defense.

## Air Raid And Fire Training Planned

Special 18-hour training courses for air raid wardens and fire auxiliaries in all counties are being planned by the State Council of Defense to start shortly after Christmas.

The classes will be conducted by the Public Service Institute, which also organized the state-wide series of County Defense Institutes sponsored by the State Council. Arthur W. Espey, Fire School director for the Public Service Institute, will be in charge of the fire training, and Harold W. Pierce is making the plans for air raid warden training. Classes will be held three hours each week for six weeks.

According to tentative arrangements, the classes will be instructed by the best trained men available in each area of the state. Firemen who have completed Fire School courses or attended the Civilian Defense School at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., will direct the fire training classes, and building inspectors of the State Department of Labor and Industry, together with Edgewood Arsenal graduates, will instruct the air raid wardens.

Auxiliary firemen are being organized in many counties now, and Charles E. Clark, newly-named Chief Fire Warden, is recommending that at least 35 auxiliary firemen be recruited by each fire company. He reports this organization is already far advanced in Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh, Adams, and many other counties.

## DEFENSE COUNCILS MEET WAR RESPONSIBILITY IN HIGH GEAR

Backed by seven months of preparation for just such an emergency, the State Council of Defense and its 580 county and municipal units have swung into high gear on four major fronts to meet any and all war-time dangers.

Within an hour after Congress had declared war on Japan, the State Council met in emergency session and placed Pennsylvania's civilian defense machinery on what Governor James described as "a full war-time footing."

All Defense Councils in the state were instructed to hold special meetings to review their local preparedness, and to cooperate fully in the following measures:

1. Bringing the air raid warden organization to full strength.
2. Appointing county fire wardens and organizing auxiliary fire forces.
3. Completing the appointments of Chief Medical Officers in every county and city where hospitals are located.
4. Enrollment of hundreds of thousands of citizens in first aid courses given by the Red Cross.

The Chief Air Raid Wardens in 19 eastern counties where Army warning boxes are installed have been ordered on the "alert" 24 hours per day, and similar orders will be given to other Chief Wardens as quickly as warning boxes can be delivered and installed in the remaining counties.

County Fire Wardens are to be appointed and auxiliary firemen enlisted immediately. The State Council will start a series of 18-hour training classes for both firemen and air raid wardens in every county within the next two weeks.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, emphasized that each Chief Fire Warden should be an outstanding local fire company official.

To speed the medical program, Dr. Paul Dodds, Chief Medical Officer of the Council, will begin field trips this week to assist County Medical Chiefs with hospital, casualty station, and emergency field unit preparations.

The first aid training is a measure that all Defense Councils are urged to promote in cooperation with their local Red Cross chapter. The goal is to have at least one first aid certificate in every home.

Beyond these specific measures, the State Council expects all local units to promote American Unity and to spread the message to citizens to "keep cool and keep alert."

Other steps related to civilian defense have been taken by Governor James in his calling of the Pennsylvania Reserve Defense Corps to join with State Police, local police, and thousands of special guards to protect vulnerable points in the state. He also invoked a war-time act of 1917 permitting the use of company-paid industrial police appointed by the governor.

## POST—SECTOR—ZONE

To avoid confusion, the State Council headquarters has adopted the following standard terminology for air raid warden organization throughout the state:

**Air Raid Post**—This is the smallest unit, and is set up in each area of 500 population. It is manned by a team of four wardens, one of whom is designated "senior warden."

**Air Raid Sector**—This unit embraces an area of 5,000 people.

**Air Raid Zone**—This unit embraces an area of 50,000 population and contains approximately 10 Sectors and 100 Posts.

## 15 New Air Raid Boxes Installed

Air raid warning boxes are being installed at 15 additional warning centers this week, and plans are under way to have the installations complete for the entire state within the next two weeks.

The 15 new centers are in addition to 19 centers in eastern counties where warning boxes have been in operation since October. The new centers, and the counties they will serve, are:

**Montrose**—Susquehanna county;  
**Towanda**—Bradford and Sullivan counties;  
**Wellsboro**—Tioga county;  
**Williamsport**—Lycoming county;

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## Ryne And Warnock Given Assignments

New appointments and a number of volunteer assignments for State employees have been announced by the State Council of Defense.

Sergeant A. William Ryne, of the Philadelphia Police College, has been named Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden, and Dean of Men A. R. Warnock, of Penn State, has been appointed executive secretary of the State Council's Committee on American Unity.

Thomas D. Frye, one of many State employees who have offered their services, has been assigned to handle requests for industrial guards under provisions of a war-time Act of 1917 now put in force by Governor James.

Meanwhile, U. S. Director LaGuardia has named Mayor Bernard Samuel, Philadelphia, as coordinator, and Col. Milton G. Baker, of Valley Forge Military Academy, as deputy coordinator, for the Philadelphia Defense District. The Pittsburgh District coordinator, Mayor Scully, announced that E. C. Stone, Pittsburgh Defense Council director, would be deputy coordinator for that district.

## NEW CHAIRMEN NAMED

New County Defense Council chairmen have been named in several counties. In Bucks county Thornton Lewis, who was called to Washington to assume special defense duties, has been succeeded by Col. Churchill Williams. Montgomery county has announced Walter J. Knerr as its new chairman, succeeding Guier Wright, and Lycoming county has announced Capt. W. B. B. Wilson as its chairman.

In Philadelphia, Paul B. Hartenstein has been named executive director of the Defense Council under Chairman Hubley Owen.

## 1,000 Trained In Plant Protection

More than 1,000 representatives of factories, institutions, and commercial firms received instruction in Plant Protection at the special three-day schools conducted in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh by the State Council of Defense.

By unforeseen timing, the Pittsburgh school had been completed only 26 hours before the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor intensified all defense measures.

A full transcript of the 20 lectures presented at Philadelphia is being published and will be made available by the State Council about January 1 to firms and institutions that desire it as a guide in carrying out protective measures.

The course of instruction was similar at both schools, and a number of the lecturers, including three officers from the Army's Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., appeared before both groups.

Repeated emphasis was placed on the fact that it is up to every factory and every management to organize and train adequate emergency squads among its own personnel so as to be self-sufficient in time of air raids or other emergency.

Lectures were given by experts on fire protection, incendiary and gas attack, camouflage, shock effects on buildings, first aid squads, and other measures. In addition, Superintendent of Schools Alexander J. Stoddard, at Philadelphia, and Superintendent Ben Graham, at Pittsburgh, lectured on the importance of morale.

Certificates were awarded to approximately 850 delegates who attended all three days of instruction. The biggest delegations were: industry, and utilities, 352; schools, 161; colleges, 26; hospitals, 43; fire departments, 52; insurance companies, 21; and State institutions, 18.

## AIR RAID LEAFLETS

Thousands of leaflets telling Pennsylvanians to "stay where they are, and not start rushing about" in the event of air raids are being distributed by the State Council of Defense this week.

Entitled "If Bombs Fall," the leaflets contain statements by the State Council's Highway Control Committee and by U. S. Director F. H. LaGuardia. On the back cover is a graph of British air raid casualties showing that a house or building is the safest place to be during a raid.

## STATEMENT STRESSES THE BILL OF RIGHTS

This week's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Bill of Rights should give added determination to our people in the present conflict, according to a statement by the chairman and secretary of the State Council's Committee on American Unity.

The statement, signed by Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, chairman, and Arthur R. Warnock, secretary, follows:

"A sudden, cruel attack designed to impair our security and injure that which we love and reverence has united the American people in impulsive anger, but to maintain our unity and morale throughout the long struggle to ultimate victory we must find strength and courage in the democratic and religious principles on which our fathers stoutly stood and victoriously fought.

"The Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the United States is an inspired statement of our democratic freedoms. Let us find some opportunity in community meetings this week to renew our allegiance to these principles and to pledge to one another our mutual confidence in their spiritual power."

The Bill of Rights became part of the Constitution when ratified by the tenth state, Virginia, on December 15, 1791.

## 3 More Counties Organize Councils

The network of County Councils of Defense in Pennsylvania has been virtually completed with the organization of units in Mercer, Venango, and Butler counties. The chairmen are: Captain G. Fischer, of Sharon, for Mercer county; H. L. Leyda, of Franklin, for Venango county; and John S. Campbell, Jr., Butler, for Butler county.

Meanwhile, two other counties have reported the election of new chairmen. Clearfield county has named W. P. Trostle, former county superintendent of schools, as its chairman, and Snyder county has named Dr. J. E. Hugus.

New Local Councils of Defense reported, and their chairmen, by counties, are:

Bradford: Waldo E. Moulthrop, LeRaysville; Grover C. Worthington, New Albany; H. W. Dimon, Rome; Charles P. Everst, Wyalusing. Clarion: H. Elton Gross, Strattonville.

Mercer: A. E. Hepting, Fredonia; Nevin Willis, Mercer; Mayor Thomas Bailey, Sharon. Venango: D. B. Hood, Cooperstown; E. D. House, Pleasantville; J. S. McClelland, Polk; Joseph E. Schneider, Rouseville; Mr. Ora Minor, Utica.

Blair: Mayor Charles E. Rhodes, Altoona; B. L. Murray, Claysburg; F. B. Higgins, Martinsburg; R. Donald Lorenz, Roaring Spring; Harry N. Glass, Tyrone; James E. Feeney, Williamsburg.

Centre: Paul Breon, Centre Hall.

Crawford: Allen B. Moon, Cochranston; Fred F. Whipple, Meadville; Charles L. Luce, Saegertown.

Cumberland: Leroy Sweigart, New Cumberland.

Dauphin: Harvey M. Hershey, Derry Twp.; Charles I. Holler, Hummelstown.

Delaware: Pierce L. Richards, Lansdowne.

Luzerne: Kennett J. Guest, Plymouth.

Montgomery: Bernard Lindenfeld, Ambler.

Northumberland: Stanley Fuhrer, Dalmatia; Carl H. Fuehrer, Milton.





**AIR RAID POST—AMERICAN STYLE:** Here is a view of the entrance to a model Air Raid Warden Post opened at Washington, D. C. Similar posts are being set up in Philadelphia and several other Pennsylvania cities.

## Concluding Institutes Attract Big Crowds

The state-wide series of County Defense Institutes, which started in October, came to a close with record attendances last week as America rallied to its new responsibilities as a belligerent.

The Pittsburgh Institute, held Wednesday night, turned several hundred people away after all the 1,000 seats were filled and all standing room taken. The concluding Institute, similarly well attended, was at Uniontown on Friday.

Even before the spur of war, however, the attendance at a number of Institutes exceeded 1,000. Among these were Washington, Altoona, and Allentown. Capacity audiences turned out also at Beaver, Bellefonte, Lancaster, Nazareth, and many other places.

The two teams of speakers who volunteered their time and talents to present the latest instructions on civilian defense to audiences all over the state have won the warm commendation of the State Council of Defense and all citizens.

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEES

America's entrance into the war makes it more than ever advisable for every Defense Council to have an alert publicity, or information, committee to keep the public informed of local civilian defense measures.

Such committees should be headed by an experienced newspaper or radio man who can keep local newspapers and radio stations supplied with accurate information. Defense Councils should report the name of their publicity chairman to the State Council headquarters.

## SCRANTON HAS NOVEL PLAN FOR VOLUNTEERS

Scranton's Civilian Defense Volunteer Office, which registered nearly 3000 volunteers during a one-week campaign in August, is now furnishing interviewers to any organization wishing to have its membership enrolled on its own premises.

"This method of registration is proving very satisfactory," said Miss Yvonne Hardman, vice-chairman of publicity, in a report to the DEFENSE COUNCIL NEWS.

The Volunteer Office, meanwhile, still takes registrations daily at its office in the City Hall, using some of the 108 trained interviewers who served in the August campaign. Courses for volunteers are being started in Red Cross and nursing services, fire-fighting, and switchboard operation.

Heading the Volunteer Office, under Gen. David J. Davis, the Defense Council chairman, are Mrs. C. Welles Belin and Mrs. Nat E. Levy.

## SCHOOLS TO CONTACT CHAIRMEN OF COUNCILS

School officials throughout Pennsylvania have been instructed to contact their local Defense Council chairmen and to work in close conjunction with them in building up school protection organizations.

The instructions were sent out by Dr. Francis B. Haas, Superintendent of Public Instruction, after consultation with the State Council. Dr. Haas also advised immediate contact with the Chief Air Raid Warden and the local Red Cross chapter, and recommended frequent fire drills.

Each school should organize an emergency defense unit and name one member to keep in contact with the local Defense Council, Dr. Haas said.

## College Councils Stage Programs

Highly impressive programs have been staged by the college defense units at Bucknell University and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

The Philadelphia program was conducted for students who had just reached 21 years of age. President Ivor Griffith presented to each student a red, white and blue lapel button and then enumerated both the RIGHTS and the DUTIES of citizenship.

He suggested similar citizenship ceremonies in every college once or twice each year.

At Bucknell, the first college Defense Institute was held, with Dr. A. C. Marts, president of Bucknell and executive director of the SCD, presiding. Miss Cecile Kennedy, Red Cross, and Arthur W. Espy, Fire School director, spoke, along with Dean A. R. Warnock, of Penn State, who is secretary of the SCD American Unity Committee.

The Bucknell program was held on Monday, the 150th anniversary of the American Bill of Rights.

Arrangements have been made for George P. Neilson, Jr., regional youth representative of the OCD, to visit a number of Pennsylvania's college defense councils.

## SAFETY OF HISTORICAL PAPERS IS STRESSED

Dr. S. K. Stevens, State Historian, has called attention to two phases of present day activity which, while not exactly in the line of defense, offer additional lines in which Local Councils of Defense may be of service through contacts with their area residents.

Dr. Stevens cited the possibility that valuable family or neighborhood papers might be sold in the drives now underway for collection of waste paper. Boy Scouts are doing fine work in gathering up waste paper, but the suggestion is that before people turn household papers over to them some effort be made to pick out and save any papers of importance.

The State Historian also suggested that a fruitful subject for consideration by Local Councils is the preservation of public records in time of emergency. Just what could happen if in time of air raid, incendiary fire, sabotage or other disasters court, deed, marriage, will and similar record books would be destroyed needs no demonstration.

## PROMPT REPORTS ASKED

Defense Councils throughout the state are asked to report their new appointments and activities promptly so that accurate records can be compiled for the whole state. Joseph Hutchison is in charge of records and reports at the State Council headquarters.



## Edgewood Arsenal Lists Graduates

Nearly 50 fire and police officers from Pennsylvania cities have completed two-week Civilian Defense courses at the Army's Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and are now giving instruction to their fellow officers.

Altogether, the School has trained 512 persons from 40 states in the essentials of handling incendiary and explosive bombs and meeting other problems of air or gas attacks. Plans are being made to set up three additional schools in the country and to increase the size of classes.

Enrollment for Pennsylvania officers is made through the State Council of Defense.

Graduates of the school to date include the following:

### FIREMEN

Calvin B. Roth, Allentown; Wilbur E. Wider, Allentown; Frank J. Pollack, Ardmore; Albert E. Anderson, Chief, Bethlehem; Elmer C. Weigand, Asst. Chief, Chester; Otto W. Johnson, Easton; Lawrence P. Scully, Asst. Chief, Erie; Arthur W. Espey, Harrisburg.

John A. Moran, Chief, Johnstown; Edward H. Koerkle, Capt., Lancaster; James C. McAllister, Chief, McKeesport; Nelson H. Wonsetter, Norristown; Thomas A. Kline, Bn. Chief, Philadelphia; Jacob J. Weiss, Navy Yard, Philadelphia; Joseph P. Fay, Capt., Pittsburgh.

Alvin K. Foster, Capt. Pittsburgh; Claude V. Coglier, Scranton; Ambrose Saricks, Chief, Wilkes-Barre; Michael E. Clark, Chief, Williamsport; L. Ellis Wagner, Chief, York.

### POLICEMEN

Harry T. S. Taylor, Captain, Bethlehem; Edward F. McQuire, Chester; William E. Reinhardt, Drexel Hill; Herman J. Menikheim, Captain, Easton; Christian H. Bomberger, M. P., Harrisburg.

Harry T. Fagan, Hatboro; James C. Crawford, Lancaster; William H. Stewart, Chief, Monongahela; Clyde L. Finney, Scranton; Norman J. Keeley, Upper Darby; Charles P. Reinhard, Upper Darby; Frank Flynn, Wilkes-Barre; Orie H. Gosnell, York.

## Civilian Defense Films Available

Motion picture sound films dealing with civilian defense in Britain are available from at least two sources, and a similar film depicting America's program will be released shortly, the State Council of Defense has been informed.

The British films can be borrowed from the British Library of Information, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, or can be rented from the Princeton Film Center, Princeton, N. J. The films in both cases are 16 mm. sound, and are available for community showing.

In addition, three of the British films, "Stop That Fire," "Wartime Factory," and "War and Order," can be borrowed from the State Council of Defense, which has purchased one copy of each film.

The American film, entitled "Fighting the Fire Bomb," will be released by the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense. It was produced under OCD direction by Transfilm, Inc.

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## News From Local Councils

Philadelphia has voted \$500,000 in its 1942 budget for civilian defense, and Col. Baker, new metropolitan area director of civilian defense, has set a goal of 200,000 volunteer air raid wardens, auxiliary police and firemen . . . The city's Volunteer Office was swamped with 4,000 registrations last week.

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The Berks County Commissioners have appointed a clerk to handle correspondence and calls at the Berks County-Reading Council of Defense office.

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**In Pottstown, the Defense Council and the Draft Board are co-operating in planning a Christmas party and dance for service men home on holiday furloughs . . . Every man in uniform will be admitted free.**

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Constance W. File, chairman of the Women's Unit of the Indiana County Defense Council, reports that her group has organized a Nutrition Council to sponsor nutrition and canteen courses at the local Teachers College . . . The State Nutrition Council has announced that two-thirds of the counties are organized for nutrition work.

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**The Schuylkill County Council of Defense sponsored a defense luncheon this month at which certificates were presented to 100 women who had completed the Red Cross first aid course.**

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The Defense Council of Curwensville, Clearfield county, re-printed a newspaper account of the Philadelphia Plant Protection School and sent it to local factories . . . The article emphasized that plants must provide their own protection.

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South Williamsport's Defense Council formed a canteen unit by "adopting" the members of a group that had fed searchers in a local lost child hunt . . . Dr. George L. Schneider, chairman, reported the unit is ready for any emergency.

Pennsylvania have borrowed or rented British war films and shown them at local civilian defense gatherings. More than 1,000 persons recently attended a showing at Pottsville sponsored by the American Unity committee of the local Council of Defense.

## 15 NEW AIR RAID

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**Bloomsburg**—Columbia and Montour counties; **Sunbury**—Northumberland, Union and Snyder counties; **Lock Haven**—Clinton county; **Lewistown**—

**A float entered by the Chester City Defense Council in the city's Armistice Day parade is credited by L. Cushing Tucker, the group's publicity chairman, as stirring local interest in civilian defense to a high pitch.**

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The American Unity committee of the Bucks County Council of Defense sent a resolution to President Roosevelt pledging wholehearted support "in the defense of this country" . . . The committee said it represents 6,000 enrolled workers.

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A new slogan, "Morale Begins at Home," was adopted by the Defense Council of Port Matilda, Centre county . . . The group, headed by Leo F. Moerschbacher, started a campaign to erect a community center as a practical contribution to local morale.

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**Radio listeners heard a round-table discussion over Station KDKA by four of the instructors at the Plant Protection School in Pittsburgh. Those who took part were Majors Brayton, Johnston and Hankins, of Edgewood Arsenal, and Lieut. Commander Singer, of the OCD.**

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In Lehigh, the Defense Council is enrolling former members of the high school safety patrol to help emergency squads in time of disaster or air raids.

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An experimental consumer information center, one of three in the nation, has just been opened at Williamsport . . . Consumer committees from other Defense Councils are invited to inspect the project.

Mifflin and Juniata counties; **Bellefonte**—Centre county; **Clearfield**—Clearfield county; **Altoona**—Blair county; **Huntingdon**—Huntingdon county; **Carlisle**—Cumberland county; **Chambersburg**—Franklin county; and **Bedford**—Fulton and Bedford counties.

With these installations, more than 40 of the state's 67 counties are now served by the black warning boxes, which are equipped with lights in four different colors to warn air raid wardens of approaching enemy planes. The western counties will receive boxes as soon as deliveries can be made.